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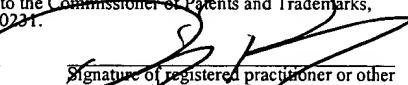
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Restriction Requirement which was mailed on August 19, 2002, the one-month shortened statutory period for response to which expired on September 19, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being filed with a petition for a two-month extension of time and the appropriate fee.